



## **King County**

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## **Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB)**

### **Meeting Summary**

**April 21, 2010 2-4 p.m.**

**Douglass-Truth Library  
2300 E. Yesler Way – Seattle**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Loran Lichty at 2:10 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Edith Nelson, Kathy Hadaller, Loran Lichty

**Board Members Excused/Absent:** Kevin Bernadt, Dorry Elias-Garcia, Kathy Brasch

**County Staff Present:** Marcy Kubbs, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), Laird Heia, DCHS

### **Review of Meeting Summary**

The draft January 20, 2010 meeting summary was reviewed and approved.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Update on #2.2 Permanent Housing**

Marcy Kubbs provided an update on Strategy #2.2 Permanent Housing. She reviewed the status of the 2007-2009 Levy funded projects including the recent fall 2009 Combined NOFA capital awards. Through the 2009 Combined NOFA awards, the V-HS Levy awarded a total of \$2,478,392 to three projects including St. Andrews Housing Group's Totem Lake Apartments, Low Income Housing Institute's White River Gardens and Compass Center's Ballard Veterans Housing Project.

Capital projects including levy dollars due to open this year:

1. YWCA, Passage Point - March 2010
2. Sound Mental Health, Holly Creek Apartments – March 2010

3. Vashon Household, Mukai Commons Apartments – June 2010
4. Catholic Housing Services (formerly known as Archdiocesan Housing Authority), Bakhita Gardens – December 2010
5. St. Andrew's Housing Group, Andrew's Glen – December 2010
6. Catholic Community Services, Monica's Village Place – December 2010
7. Plymouth Housing Group, Scargo Hotel – December 2010

### **Update on Strategy 5**

Jon Hoskins, DCHS, is developing the Levy Evaluation templates under Strategy 5. Marcy reviewed the draft Strategy 3 templates with the board that have been completed and recently reviewed by the Joint Strategy 3 and 5 Committees. Comments:

- The data points on the templates are very helpful and will be a great benefit to communicate as the renewal process gets underway.
- We need to be sure to anticipate the questions the data will raise and have our board members/speakers/presenters be prepared to answer them. For example, based on the data presented in template 3.1(a) and 3.1(b), it appears that it costs more to serve vets. Is this data correct? And if so, how do we address this question?

**A:** The veterans funded projects under this strategy began later than human services funded projects so the numbers are lower due to the start-up time required. Also, mainstream providers are not accustomed to serving veterans so some pilot projects were funded to explore how to best locate and serve them.

### **Co-Chair Report**

Kathy Brasch was not available; therefore a co-chair report was not presented.

### **Staff Report**

- The 2009 VHS Levy Annual Report is well underway.
- Data confirms that 28,000 individuals were served in 2009 by the VHS Levy at a cost of \$15 per average homeowner in King County. In 2010 the cost will increase to about \$15.65 per homeowner.

### **Old Business**

There was discussion on the status of board vacancies. Marcy mentioned that a new brochure has been developed within DCHS that describes the available board positions and will be a useful recruitment tool. The board is interested in expediting the process in order to have a strong voice to communicate the need to renew the levy.

### **New Business**

- North King County Housing Stakeholders Forum will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 6pm at Shoreline City Hall.
- A free medical clinic opened April 20 at the First Baptist Church on 42<sup>nd</sup> and Military for zip codes 98188 and 98168 (Seatac and Tukwila). The program is called “HOPE.”
- Loran Lichty, co-chair of the RHSLOB was so inspired by the Levy-funded Mobile Medical Van, he wanted to see the service expand into Renton. To have a sufficient number of homeless individuals congregating in one place to justify bringing in the medical van, he proposed that his church collaborate with other local churches to start a meal program. To date, a group of 15 Renton area churches has accomplished the following:
  - Met with Karen Bergsvik, Renton Human Services and Jason Johnson, Kent Human Services, who were very helpful in providing guidance to the group.
  - Developed a relationship with the Salvation Army – Renton whose building will be used for the meal program.
  - Confirmed the commitment of the 15 churches to each raise \$1,000 in donations as well as 7-8 volunteers to work at the meal program on a rotating basis.
  - Established a website: [www.RentonCommunitySupper.com](http://www.RentonCommunitySupper.com) which will be a vehicle for other organizations to donate funds or provide volunteers.
  - The Renton Community Supper will provide its first meal in June, 2010 three days a week, Monday – Wednesday – Friday.
  - Early May, Loran and Captain Terry of the Salvation Army will provide a presentation on the program to the City of Renton.

It's a great example of how the levy has inspired a community to come together to support those in need and expand a levy service to yet another community.

### **Next SIP Ideas:**

- Provide small grants (under \$5K) that can be easily given as seed money to projects such as the one noted above and that doesn't require a large, complicated application that may be too difficult and time consuming.

### **Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)**

- None

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.